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SUBJECT: REPORTED THIEF OF NATO MISSILES

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1. EMBASSY'S EXTENSIVE, BUT STILL INCOMPLETE, INQUIRIES REVEAL THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY PRESS SPOKESMAN DID INDDDED SAY SOMETHING TO RESTRICTED GROUP OF BELGIAN JOURNALISTS JANUARY 9 REGARDING SURFACE TO AIR MISSILES THAT PROMPTED THE PRESS REPORTS CITED REFTEL. SUCH REPORTS ALSO APPEARING IN TODAY'S BELGIAN PRESS.

2. ACCORDING TO A FONOFF SOURCE, THE PRESS SPOKESMAN (PAEMEN) SAID "SOME SURFACE TO AIR MISSILES HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM BASES IN EUROPE". PAEMEN REFUSED TO ELABORATE ON THIS. THE STATEMENT AS RENDERED IN LE PEUPLE READS: "IT IS A FACT THAT SOME SURFACE TO AIR MISSILES ARE UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOME DEPOTS SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE".

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3. THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT THE RECENT "GENERAL ALERT" HAD BEEN ORDERED BECAUSE "THE RESPONSIBLE SERVICES OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES COMMUNICATED THEIR CONCERNS TO US". HE THEN WARNED THE JOURNALISTS, ACCORDING TO LE PEUPLE, AGAINST "RUMORS SOMETIMES LAUNCHED WITH INTENTIONS UNRELATED TO INFORMATION IN ITS TRUE MEANING".

4. A FURTHER REPORT WILL FOLLOW LATER TODAY. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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